



## CSAC Newsletter – December 2006

What an exciting November we've had in the school! The students have been busy studying hard. The teachers have been busy getting report cards completed and everyone has a sense of expectation. Christmas is almost here.

Since September, our students have participated in a number of fund-raising activities. They first raised funds for the Terry Fox Foundation. They have also raised funds through magazine sales, the Halloween Dance-A-Thon and Pizza lunches. All the money raised by our students has been used for activities which benefit our children. These include the following shows: 'The Tempest', 'The Alphabet Show', 'Too Much Garbage' and 'The Great Canadian Songbook'. Funds raised are also used to rent buses for school trips, pay for books and pay for playground equipment.

Sometimes a class will benefit even more from the fund-raising. Mrs. McIntyre's class will be enjoying a free Pizza lunch early in December as her students raised the most funds in the Dance-A-Thon.

We also had a "Sports Day" where students were invited to dress up as their favourite sports star and bring in a food item for the Daily Bread Food Bank. That was a great success as the students had fun while helping out those in need.

Every Advent, the school Liturgical Committee sponsors an activity which helps raise everyone's awareness of those in need in our Community. In this year's Advent Campaign, students will be collecting money, warm hats, mittens and gloves for the 'Out Of The Cold' program. The "Out Of The Cold" program is a volunteer inter-faith initiative which provides safe refuge, hospitality and shelter to the homeless community. The program runs from November to March and it relies on donations of money, food and clothing. The students will be collecting for the 'Out Of The Cold' program until December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Also, this year, St. Louis will be partnering with Bishop Allen Academy in their 'Wish Upon A Star' Toy Drive. This Toy Drive began on December 11<sup>th</sup> and will end on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Two students from Bishop Allen visited each class to talk to them about this initiative. They asked for donations of new and unwrapped toys which will be given to the CHUM City Christmas Wish Toy Drive.

With one set of report cards and parent/teacher interviews completed, the first term ended and a new one began on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Christmas holidays begin after classes on December 22<sup>nd</sup> and school re-opens on January 8<sup>th</sup>. We hope our children will continue to work as hard in 2007 as they did in 2006.

Other school news can be found at our school web-site: <http://www.tcdsb.org/schools/stlouis.asp>

St. Louis CSAC wishes all the teachers, the students and their respective families, a Happy and Holy Christmas. May 2007 bring many blessings and hope for a bright future.

The next CSAC meeting is scheduled to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 11, 2007 in the St. Louis Catholic School Library. All are welcome.